



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

ANOS (385-10)

13 July 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Military District of Washington (MDW) Policy  
on Motorcycle, Moped, Motor Scooter, and Bicycle Safety

1. References:

- a. DoD Instruction 6055.4, DoD Traffic Safety Program,  
22 November 1994.
- b. AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision, 8 July 1988.
- c. AR 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents,  
12 March 1987.

2. Installation commanders will ensure the following  
requirements are incorporated into their installation traffic  
safety program:

a. Motorcycles, mopeds, and motor scooters.

(1) Training. Before operating a privately-owned or government-owned motorcycle, moped, or motor scooter on a DoD post, each operator must successfully complete an Army-approved motorcycle safety course and be able to furnish proof of having completed such a course upon request from military police.

(a) The Army-approved safety course includes the Motorcycle Safety Foundation course, hands-on training, and a performance-based and knowledge-based evaluation.

(b) Training required by this policy will be provided, at no cost, to military and DoD civilian personnel. Annual leave will not be charged for military and DoD civilian personnel to attend the Army-approved safety course.

(2) Personal protective clothing and equipment (PPC&E). The following PPC&E is mandatory for all persons (military and civilian) while operating or riding as a passenger on a motorcycle, moped, or motor scooter on MDW posts, and for military personnel operating off posts:

(a) A Department of Transportation-approved helmet properly fastened under the chin.

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(b) Impact-resistant or shatter-resistant goggles or full-face shield properly attached to helmet. A windshield or eye glasses alone are not proper eye protection.

(c) Sturdy footwear. Leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes are strongly encouraged.

(d) Long-sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers, and full-fingered motorcycle gloves or mittens.

(e) A brightly colored vest or jacket worn as an outer garment during the day and reflective garment during the night. Outer upper garment will be clearly visible and not covered.

(3) mopeds will not carry passengers unless specifically designed to do so.

(4) Motorcycles and mopeds will be operated with their headlights on at all times, and the motorcycle must be equipped with rearview mirrors on each side of the handlebars.

(5) Registration. Permanent registration may be granted to persons who have completed the Army-approved motorcycle safety course. Persons who have not completed the course may receive a 90-day temporary registration pending attendance at the Army-approved motorcycle safety course. No temporary registration exceptions will be granted beyond the initial 90-day temporary registration.

b. Bicycles. Traffic laws apply to persons operating bicycles. Every person riding a bicycle shall have all the rights and duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle.

(1) All persons who ride bicycles on MDW posts will wear an approved (i.e., American National Standards Institute (ANSI) or Snell Memorial Foundation) bicycle helmet. Workers operating bicycles in areas that require the use of ANSI-approved helmets (hard hats) for protection from falling and flying objects will be allowed to use those helmets instead of approved bicycle helmets. Though not required, bicyclists are encouraged to wear the same PPC&E prescribed for motorcycle, moped, and motor scooter operators.

(2) Bicyclists will:

(a) Obey all traffic signals, signs, and devices.

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(b) Ensure their bicycle is equipped with suitable headlights and taillights or red reflectors. A flashlight held in the hand is not considered to be a suitable headlight.

(c) Ride as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, exercising due care when passing a standing vehicle or one proceeding in the same direction.

(d) Ride in single file on post roadways.

(3) Bicyclists will not:

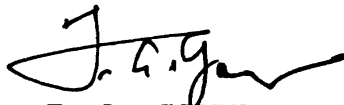
(a) Ride upon posted sidewalks on MDW posts.

(b) Ride other than upon or astride the bicycle seat.

(c) Allow other persons to ride upon the handlebars or frame of their bicycle.

(d) Carry any package, bundle, or article which prevents the bicyclist from keeping at least one hand on the handlebars.

c. Use of headphones or earphones. The wearing of portable headphones, earphones, or other listening devices while operating a motorcycle, moped, motor scooter, or bicycle on MDW posts is prohibited. Use of these devices masks or prevents recognition of emergency signals, alarms, the approach of vehicles, human speech, and the ability to determine the direction from which the sound is coming.



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